

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1083 - SB 1366

March 14, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a public charter school's agreement to be revoked or denied renewal, if the charter authority determines that the school failed to report child abuse, child neglect, or child sexual abuse, when a school's employee had knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that a student may have been a victim, and the employee should have reported this abuse pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 4 and § 49-6-1601, and such incident occurred on charter school grounds or while the child was under the care of the charter school. Requires a public charter school authorizer to revoke or not renew a charter agreement, if 51 percent of the parents for students enrolled at the public charter school sign a petition requesting the school to be closed. Requires a revocation by this method to be effective at the end of the academic year. Authorizes the charter school to reopen as a new charter, if the chartering authority approves the charter application submitted by a different sponsor. Parents whose children are currently enrolled in the closing public charter school shall have the option to enroll their children in another public charter school or a regular local education agency (LEA) school without penalty. Requires public charter schools to provide information and training on the requirements of mandatory reporting of child abuse or child sexual abuse on school property to all charter school employees before the beginning of each school year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any increase in expenditures to provide additional training for employees of public charter schools will be borne by the public charter school.
- No change in the number of public charter schools.
- Any fiscal impact on state and local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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